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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

STEPHEN PETERS, ET AL.

Serial No.

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Filed

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For

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

A two-month extension of time is believed to be required. An appropriate petition and fee are enclosed.

No further fees are believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0208. No further extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and please charge the fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: